



Keepers of the Land AmeriCorps Program Iowa Department of Natural Resources



AmeriCorps Position Description Polk County Public Areas

Polk County Ecosystem Management Aide

Full-time (10-12 months – minimum of 1,700 hours) AmeriCorps Position

- Coordinate volunteer engagement projects including (natural playscape improvements, invasive species removal, etc.)
- Plant/restore prairies, trees, and native ecosystems
- Conduct improvements of the Polk County trails
- Prune and remove trees and limbs using modern tree maintenance equipment
- Collect native seed and remove invasive species
- Improve timber stands
- Use chain saws, hand tools, and skid steer
- Apply herbicide and manage prescribed burns of prairies, savannahs, and timber (pesticide license needed)
- Design and implement AmeriCorps community service projects
- Fulfill all required AmeriCorps program activities as outlined in the member handbook and contract
- Generate volunteers

Polk County Construction Enhancement Aide

Full-time (10-12 months – minimum of 1,700 hours) AmeriCorps Position

- Enhance Polk County facilities and parks, utilized by more than 1.4 million visitors annually
- Help coordinate volunteer activities within the construction/maintenance unit
- Assist with construction, renovation, and repair of county conservation facilities and equipment
- Perform electrical, plumbing, masonry, woodwork skills on projects
- Assist in renovating county use areas making them safer and ADA compliant
- Maintain and safely operate equipment such as hand and power hand tools, saws, laser levels, etc.
- Design and implement AmeriCorps community service projects
- Fulfill all required AmeriCorps program activities as outlined in the member handbook and contract
- Generate volunteers